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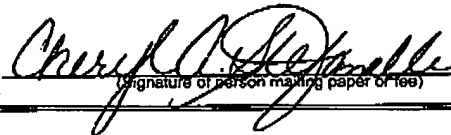
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**Supplementary Preliminary Amendment**

A Preliminary Amendment was received in the PTO on April 29 2003 in this case. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was sent on June 6, 2003 stating that Claim 38 was missing. Enclosed is the current disposition of Claim 38.

**In the Claims**

Claim 1 (Original) – A companion pet diet meeting ordinary nutritional requirements for an aged pet and further comprising a sufficient amount of an antioxidant or mixture thereof, to inhibit the deterioration of the mental capacity of an aged companion pet.

Claim 2 – 11 (CANCELED)

Claim 12 (Previously Amended) A method for inhibiting the deterioration of the mental capacity of an aged companion pet which comprises feeding the pet an effective amount of antioxidant or mixture thereof to accomplish this inhibition.

Claim 13 – 16 (CANCELED)